1st Q Real Estate/Personal Property tax bills due August 3rd



Recycling committee reviewing alternatives

Recycling is alive and well...and is required by state law. Article 23 of the June 29th Town Meeting proposes \$45,000 to continue our current recycling program. Due to increased costs and other issues, the town is considering alternatives to the curbside recycling program. The new timeline will be implemented over the next year.

1. Enact regulations which require waste haulers to provide recycling and trash pick-up as an inclusive service. This will include businesses and residences with dumpsters as well.

- 2. Continue (and perhaps expand) the annual Bulky Waste Drop-Off program.
- 3. Provide subsidized access to a permanent household hazardous waste/electronics collection site in Westfield. Watch for more information in the Mountain Breeze, Country Journal, and Westfield Evening News. For additional information, contact any member of the Recycling

Committee.
Chris Brown 862-4591 Karen Bouquillon 413-563-5433

Kate Griffen 862-0296

Updates from the Police Chief

The Town Hall is still closed to the public except for "appointments". I am still processing licenses so if you are due to renew your license or want to apply for a new one — you can get the new/renewal application at Mass.gov/firearms, complete it and call me to schedule an appointment or drop it into the slot in the front door at the Town Hall. I will start the application on line, do a fingerprint check and DMH check. I will need a picture to complete the application, but I can upload the one on your current driver's license. If you have any questions, please e-mail me at pchapman@mongtomeryma.gov or leave a message at my home phone number 862-4949.

Stay safe, healthy and practice social distancing! Paula L. Chapman – Administrative Chief of Police

MT Breeze Call Out!

Hello, Town of Montgomery! The Mt Breeze is in need of some carriers to deliver these issues to the citizens of Montgomery. It's one day during the month for a few hours. Please contact Laurie Flechsig at 862-8095 for more information on needed route coverage.

66 a diamond is a chunk of coal that did well under pressure. 99

Henry Kissinger

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Enjoy your summer, stay safe, respect others and see you in September!

The MT Breeze Staff

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Meetings of the Board of Assessors are held on the 1st & 3rd Wednesday of each month from 8:00 p.m.-9:30 p.m. Please call862-3386 ext 2 or direct line 642-8105 for an appointment. Assessors' Clerk hours 1st & 3rd Wednesdays of each month from Noon - 4 p.m.

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COUNCIL ON AGING 862-3386 ext 6 or 642-8143

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July Calendar

All coffee hours, yoga and Osteoporosis exercise classes have been cancelled until further notice.

July 7 Recycling day July 21 Recycling day

August Calendar

1st quarter Real Estate/Personal Property tax bills are due August 3rd.

August 4 Recycling day August 18 Recycling day

Scheduled events and times are fluid at this time and subject to change.

Condolences to...

to Nick and Andrea Moses and family on the loss of Nick's father Carl who passed away June 20 at home in Springfield.

Paula L. Chapman

Administrative Chief of Police for the Town of Montgomery OFFICE HOURS: 6:30 pm to 7:45 pm The office is in the basement of the Town Hall

> July 9 August 6

July 23

MOUNTAIN BREEZE AD POLICY

Montgomery resident ads: \$3.50 for 1/4 page, \$7.00 for 1/2 page, \$10.50 for 3/4 page and \$14.00 for a full page.

Non-resident ads: \$5.00 for 1/4 page, \$10.00 for 1/2 page, \$15.00 for 3/4 page and \$20.00 for a full page.

Political ads: \$15.00 for $\frac{1}{2}$ page and \$30.00 for a full page. (Political ads

must include the name of the payer.)

Ads: email (preferably pdf file) to montgomerymtbreeze@gmail.com, put in the MB box at the Library, or mail to: Montgomery Mountain Breeze, c/o Grace Hall Memorial Library, 161 Main Road, Montgomery, MA 01085-9525. Include your name and phone number. Payment must be received by deadline date (usually on the 16th of the month) or ad will not be run. No cash, please; make check payable to Montgomery Mountain Breeze and put in the MB box at the Library, or mail to above address.

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It will be the best place to meet your neighbors again!



as we try to get this 'new normal' of eating out perfected.

Thank you to all our customers that have been supporting us through these strange times. I know that some of you would like to come in and dine but the rules don't make sense right now. If we stick to the letter of the law we would only be able to let four people in at a time. So for now we are going to continue with outside dining and take out food. Luckily we are located in beautiful Montgomery and have a very nice setting for outside dining. The rain was a problem this last weekend but we really need the rain. I hurt my knee again doing so many sun dances. I took a break from the sun dances and look what happened. A full week of rain in the forecast. Now everyone's grass will turn green again and the gardens will grow like they should.

So everyone please bear with us till things start making sense again. In the meantime please join us in the lawn or at the picnic table. This time of year the weather is always better in Montgomery. A little cooler with just enough breeze to keep the bugs away with nice shade from the trees.

It doesn't get any better than this! Thank you and hope to see you soon, Scott



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JULY/AUGUST RECIPE

Summer garden tips and a Library Friends thank you

First of all, thank you to all who supported the plant sale to benefit the Library Friends account. Thank you to all who donated their plants and to all those who 'purchased'/donated \$\$. The

GardenNews
by Chris Brown

heat and drought stresses. Fertilizing dormant lawns will encourage weeds.

- Stay alert for plant sales at local nurseries and garden centers.
- Deadheading can encourage more blooms and helps keep plants tidy.
- Early August is the time to plant lettuce, beets and carrots for fall harvest.
- Keep an eye on the houseplants that you may have placed outside in shady place, Several weeks before they are brought back into the house is the time to repot into a pot 2" bigger, any plant with pot bound roots.

Information taken from UMass Garden calendar 2020.

money will be used to support library programing. Summer is the time to enjoy your garden.

- Keep weeding and applying mulch to conserve water.
- Plants in containers dry out faster than plants in the ground. During the very hot weather, they may need watering daily.
- Dormancy is a natural adaptation of turfgrasses to survive

SALMON WITH ASIAN WALNUT SLAW

Thank you, Jeanne Aras for this latest recipe:

4 – 6 oz. Salmon fillets Marinade: 3 Tbsp. sweet chili sauce

Slaw:

1 c shredded/sliced cabbage 3 Tbsp. teriyaki sauce 1 c. coarsely shredded carrots 1 ½ Tbsp. rice vinegar

2 med. green onions, sliced

³/₄ c coarsely chopped and toasted walnuts divided in ¹/₂ Fresh cilantro for garnish

Put marinade ingredients in a shallow dish, including ½ walnuts and (set aside 2 Tbsp. for the slaw). Place salmon skin side up and let marinade for 30 minutes.

Toss all slaw ingredients together along with the reserved marinade. Refrigerate.

Grill salmon to your liking. Transfer to platter and top with slaw. Sprinkle with remaining walnuts and cilantro.

Can use a little red cabbage for color. Slaw can be served on the side.

Outside the bird feeder with Lori Conley

COOL THINGS YOU NEVER KNEW ABOUT FIREFLIES

The flashes of fireflies on a warm summer night remind many of us of our carefree childhood sense of wonder. Perhaps because we are so familiar with them, either from growing up chasing them or seeing them portrayed in art, film or books

we think we may know everything about them.

Here are some other facts that you might not know:

- Fireflies are actually beetles just like ladybugs
- There are more than 2,000 species worldwide on every continent except Antarctica and there can be many species in just one habitat
- Flashes are the language of love....the flashes you see are generally from males looking to attract a female. If a female

likes what she sees she responds back with a flash of her own. They engage in this twinkling 'conversation' until the male locates her and then they mate

- Fireflies spend most of their life in the larval stage (up to 2 years). Adults may live only a couple of weeks and most do not eat during this time, they just mate, lay eggs and die, so the ones you see are from successful mating 2 years ago
- The biggest firefly species are HUGE and can grow to the size of your palm (females are much bigger than males)
- Fireflies are threatened by pesticides, habitat loss and light pollution that prevents them from seeing each other's flashes

Turn off your lights at night to ensure you have a beautiful display of Mother Nature's gift of natural fireworks from fireflies and enjoy!

Offered to a home in need

Offering free seasoned firewood to town residents who really could use it. Most in 4 foot lengths from small to large. If interested call 862-3395. Please not intended for resale; only for those in need.

Thanks, a Montgomery neightbor

JULY/AUGUST EVENTS CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE!

HHS events still on hold, plans made for October

Dear Montgomery friends and neighbors, -- It is disappointing to find it necessary to announce once again that our planned activities for the summer have been cancelled due to concerns about spreading the coronavirus. We are hopeful

that conditions will improve sufficiently by September so that we can once again offer you a chance to join us for an educational/historical event.



We have tentatively planned to have guest speakers at our annual Chicken Pie Supper in October with a program about an old one-room schoolhouse. Look for news in the September edition

of the Mountain Breeze to see if we will be able to proceed with those plans! In the meantime, be safe from the virus and continue to help protect everyone from its spread!

Concerning the exhibit at the Grace Hall Memorial Library at Montgomery Center, the display will be changed as soon as the Library is given permission to "open for business as usual." Stay tuned...

JULY **BIRTHDAYS:**

Michael Cinelli Richard Clark Kiera Coon Martha Hoynoski Beulah Kidrick Ryan Leveille

Nancy Madru Nicholas Moses Jared Senatore Megan Stanisewski

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS:

Jennifer Aras

Christian Galipeau Lynn Leveille Dave Mitchell Felicia Murphy Charles Sharrow Philip "Smitty" Smith

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...the drowsy hum of crickets and other sleepy sounds of the summer day... ~Gerald Raftery (1905–1986), Gray Lance, 1950

School Summer Reading List

If you have any required summer reading please let us know. Send us your school list and we fill them for you.

New Curbside Service *

*As of this writing the Town Select board has not yet approved Library appointments yet. We will post as soon as they do.

Tuesdays, Thursdays 10-2:30, Saturdays (May 30, June 6, &23) 9:30 am to 12:30 pm.

To search our catalog online go to: **wghl.masscat.org** . Request library items by phone, note or email. Items will be sanitized and bagged. If you leave a phone message or email please provide the following: Your name and contact info, Items requesting (title and or author) If items are just on a subject matter (i.e. cooking) please let us know if you want a certain reading level (like young adult, Early Reader ect)

You can pick up items at the Children's Room screen door during new hours.

Sorry No Inter Library Loan yet! We will post as soon as it available.

NEW	ITEMS

DVD"s

Gentemen

Birds of Prey

Little Women

1917

Rhythm section

Invisible man

Last full measure

Spies in Disguise

Books

"The room where it happened" By John Bolton

"Ballad of the songbirds and snakes" By Suzanne Collins

"American demon" by Kim Harrison

"Seven Lies" by Elizabeth Kay

"To wake the giant" by Jeff Shaara

" On ocean boulevard" by Mary Alice

Monroe

"Queen's Secret" By K. Harper

Posting on Facebook

We will post updating news to our Facebook page, such as when new items come in or change in hours.

Returning Library Items

Please return all library items to the drop box only! Not items can be returned directly into the library. If possible please have items in a plastic bag. Drop box is to the right of the Children's room

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eBooks and eAudio books on Libby. Before you start, Have ready:

1. Your Library card number

* This is on the back of your Grace Hall Memorial Library card, if contact the library to get one

2. Your Masscat username & password

* Also on the back of your library card, this is the same one that allows you to log on to the wghl.masscat.org site

3. Download Libby app from your devices app store

Mobile Devices:

You need to download the Libby app from your devices app store. This is for novels, audiobooks and movies.

- 1. Follow the prompts, yes if you have a Library card
- 2. Next prompt select: "I'll search for a Library.
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- 4. Choose between Kindle or Libby App
- 5. Choose: "Sign in with My library card"

6. choose "MassCat Library Patrons"

Enter with your barcode and PIN/password. Your barcode as your Login and the PIN/password is what you use to login to MassCat.

Books	
Love wife by Gish Jen	
Rodaham by Surtics Sittenfeld	
August by Callan Wink	
Book of Lost friends by Lisa Wingate	
Providence by Max Berry The split by Sharon Bolton	
My Dark Vanassa by Kate Russell	
Wife Stalker by Liv Constantine	

Grace Hall Memorial Library Curbside Request Form

Please fill out this form and leave it in the Drop Box to the Left of the Children's Room outside of the library. All Request will be filled or answered with in a week. You may also email request us at: montgomerylibrary@yahoo.com

Name
Phone
Email
Items requested (Titles and Author's)
Items by Subject matter: (Please state reading level if for Early Readers)
Pick Curbside pickup time:
Tuesdays 10 am to 2:30pm
Thursdays 10 am to 2:30pm
Saturdays 9:30 to 12:30
Curbside is at the Children's Room exterior door (Old entrance)

To search our catalog, go to: wghl.masscat.org

COUNCIL ON AGING

Serving the Citizens of Montgomery July/August 2020

Calendar

Coffee Hours

Cancelled

Osteoporosis Exercise Class

Suspended Until Fall

July Birthdays

Beulah Kidrick Sandra Haas

Thomas Tyminski Thomas Pitoniak

Martha Hoynoski

August Birthdays

Charles Sharrow

Peter Brady

Due to the Town Hall and the Town Offices still being closed because of COVID-19 and the uncertainty of when they will reopen, we are going to cancel the coffee hours during the summer. All other programs have also been put on hold until further notice. We hope to be able to reschedule the Senior Picnic to the fall but like everything else that is also subject to change.

Osteoporosis exercise classes are suspended. This program has always been well attended and we hope to be able to start new classes in the fall.

If there are any other programs that you would like to see the COA sponsor, please call 862-3257 with your suggestions.

We hope everyone has a wonderful summer and look forward to seeing one and all again soon. Stay safe.

The Council on Aging is looking for new members. If you would like to volunteer and serve please call 862-3257 for more information



JULY 2nd – I FORGOT DAY

If you are anything like us, you are absolutely rubbish at remembering holidays, anniversaries, doctors' appointments. This, unfortunately, results in us having to apologize to people for missed appointments and parties, and I Forgot Day is your opportunity to get a jump on all the apologizing you'll have to do for the year, and make up for things already forgotten.



On the first Sunday in August, **NATIONAL FRIENDSHIP DAY** encourages people across the country and world to connect with friends. Make a new friend or reconnect with an old one.

PRINCIPLES FOR ATTAINING THE BEST POSSIBLE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR ALL INDIVIDUALS AS WE AGE

Society cannot thrive or even survive without the continuous active participation of all people as they age. Each of us, both individually and collectively, has a stake in building an environment in which every person has an equal opportunity to participate in all aspects of civic life. We believe all adults, during each stage of the lifespan, should have the full and free enjoyment of these fundamental principles for aging well.

- To live in a society that understands the positive aspects of aging, recognizes the interdependence we rely upon to meet life's challenges, and values the intergenerational sharing of life, wealth, wisdom, caring and caregiving.
- To attain economic security through a combination of earning an adequate income, saving money over one's lifetime, and learning basic financial skills to avoid financial hazards and financial exploitation.
- ➤ To attain and sustain the best possible physical, cognitive, and mental health and have the opportunity to benefit from proven methods for maximizing and improving one's abilities, health and happiness.
- > To reside in affordable housing suitably designed to accommodate the predictable changes in functional abilities we'll likely experience as we age.
- To exercise control over managing one's own life and participate in a wide range of civic, cultural, learning, spiritual and recreational opportunities for as long as possible.
- To have access to social assistance services, including protection against abuse and neglect, that can be readily provided in an efficient and appropriate manner for diverse populations.
- ➤ To have an adequate array of flexible, reliable transportation options.
- ➤ To have access to affordable long-term services and supports that can sustain individuals in the setting of their choice, including a consumer's full participation in managing services.
- ➤ To lend meaningful support to caregivers to preserve the beneficial impact caregiving has upon the caregiver, the person depending upon them and society at large.

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